

STUDIES IN THE DOCTRINE OF MAN

(BIBLICAL ANTHROPOLOGY):



"If we say that we have no sin, we
are deceiving ourselves and the truth
is not in us." — 1 John 1:8, NASB

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
January 15th, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Fifteenth Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord 2023*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

In relation to our studies in the matter of Divine Election, we are looking at the foundational principles (*5 Solas*) of the Reformation.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“O God our Help in Ages Past”* (#48, v. 1).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Blessed be the Name”* (#22).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Job 14:1-4.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special Music: Anna Mason.

Announcements.

Hymn: *“He Hideth my Soul”* (#219; vv. 1, 2, 4).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“The Four States: The State of SIN.”*

Closing Hymn:* *“Fill My Cup, Lord”* (#220).

Benediction.*



4 States of Human Nature

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Week of Jan. 8 - Jan. 14

Sunday School—6; Midweek Prayer—No Service.

Morning Worship—I3; Weekly Offering—\$531.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

We continue our studies in **Daniel 5** as the chilling handwriting appears upon the wall!!!



Today's Verse for Reflection:

"The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, 'I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.'—Genesis 8:21 (NASB)"

WINTER POTLUCK AND CEF PRESENTATION



Workers from the Armstrong-Indiana-Westmoreland Chapter of the **Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)** will



be our very special guests on **Sunday morning, Jan. 22**, sharing the nature of their work with our congregation. Afterwards, we will have a time of fellowship with our visitors, enjoying a Winter Potluck.

"What is wrong with the world? I am!"—G.K. Chesterton

Some Thoughts on ORIGINAL SIN...

“The assertion of original sin makes the point that we are not sinners because we sin, but rather we sin because we are sinners, born with a nature enslaved to sin.”—J.I. Packer

G. K. Chesterton saw *Original Sin* as the one Christian dogma that is both empirically verifiable and expressly validated by thousands of years of human history:

“Certain new theologians dispute original sin, which is the only part of Christian theology which can really be proved.”

“Man certainly is sunk very low now, in comparison of what he once was. God made him but a ‘little lower than the angels:’ but now we find him likened to the beasts that perish. He hearkened to a brute—and is now become like one of them.”—Thomas Boston

“Original sin is the doctrine which holds that human nature has been morally and ethically corrupted due to the disobedience of mankind's first parents to the revealed will of God... The doctrine of original sin holds that every person born into the world is tainted by the Fall such that all of humanity is ethically debilitated, and people are powerless to rehabilitate themselves, unless rescued by God.”—Theopedia; <https://www.theopedia.com/original-sin>

“Original sin may be defined as **‘the sinful state and condition in which men are born.’** It is so designated because: (1) **‘it is derived from the original root of the human race (Adam),** (2) **it is present in the life of every individual from the time of his birth, and** (3) **it is the inward root of all the actual sins that defile the life of man.’** Simply stated, it refers to **‘the corruption of our whole nature.’**—Paul Enns, *Moody Handbook of Theology*

“By this sin they [i.e., Adam & Eve] fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed, and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.”—*The Westminster Confession, 6:1*